



# Foggy Bottom News

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## BZA Campus Plan Hearing Postponed

The May 24 hearing on the GWU Campus Plan, continued from April 26, has been postponed at the request of the D.C. Office of Planning (OP). As of the printing of this issue, the second hearing has been set tentatively for September 12. Notices will be posted around the area, and the new date will be announced on the ANC answering machine, 736-1775.

Andrew Altman, Director of the Office of Planning, has requested the postponement to allow for more time to work out what he feels are problems with the current plan. The OP report, filed with the BZA on April 21, stated that the BZA actions "will set the direction and tenor of development, or lack thereof, in the Foggy Bottom and West End neighborhoods for the next ten years and beyond." The report asked for "adequate time and consideration" for all parties "to ensure that clear direction is established, that benchmarks are put in place, and that effective measurement and monitoring methods are agreed upon now, at the beginning of the decade, rather than through piecemeal, time consuming and expensive conflict over the next ten years."

The Planning staff found two issues relating to neighborhood impacts to be unresolved: "the physical expansion . . . beyond the campus boundary . . ." and "the impact of students not in university-owned housing on nearby communities who put added pressure on the local housing market."

Further, the planning official said his office "seeks to ensure that a policy of no or very limited impacts on the fragile Foggy Bottom and West End neighborhoods is reflected in the Campus Plan."

Coincidentally, the Sierra Club's "Restore the Core" program sponsored a tour of Foggy Bottom on May 13, and despite the heat about 25 persons participated. Entitled "Academic Sprawl: Town-Gown Relations in Foggy Bottom," the tour featured both residents, students and GW staff as "guides," and also included Jim McGrath, D. C. tenant activist and chair of the "Save Our Scholl's" campaign. FBA Vice President Michael Thomas and ANC Commissioner Richard Sheehy were quoted in the article. It resulted in a rare Washington Post story reporting the community's unhappiness with the expansion of George Washington University into their residential neighborhood.

The April 26 hearing on the GWU Campus Plan, scheduled originally for that date, actually began at 3:00 p.m. because another case was inserted into the agenda. The University case, presented by Wilkes Artis attorney Maureen Dwyer and several witnesses, lasted until about 6:00 p.m.

Approximately 30-40 residents attended the April 24 hearing; the second hearing in September, when the community will be heard, will be of even more interest and as many residents as possible should attend and support the ANC and other witnesses.

## Thank You, Thank You—Part I

We had a lot of help this year, for which the FBA gives thanks. Many helped with the News, especially **Olga Corey** as ad manager, **Joan Robinson** who did most of the ad billing, and all contributors. **Marifran Langvardt's** profiles of her fascinating senior friends were a real treat, and articles by **Michael Thomas, Barbara Kahlow, Robert Brewster, Jim McLeod** and **John Graves** kept the neighborhood informed. Several others were helpful in supplying items for news articles and for Foggy Bottom Folks—**Laetitia Combrinck, Marilyn Rubin**, and others whose identities we are "guarding with our lives." And we cannot forget the writers of many letters to the editor. They kept US informed on what Foggy Bottom is thinking.

And all those involved in distribution: First to **Ilona Melstrads**, who provides the delivery list and labels each month. The Newspersons who faithfully made their appointed rounds were **Janet Axtell, Gail Raywid, Sandra Vonetes, Laetitia Combrinck, Kate Clinton, Karen Hamrick, Anne Charles, and Patrick Cody**. Additional routes are covered by **Don Tobey, Darrell Rumsey and Mel Maeda, Mary Brewster, Tom Bower and Rich Pollin, Paul Sakwa, Dorothy Ohliger**,

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## Police and Fire Reps at May Meeting

At the May 22 Foggy Bottom Association meeting, speakers from the Metropolitan Police and the D.C. Fire Department will cover current items in their areas of responsibility. The meeting will be held at the Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 7:30 p.m.

The Fire Department's Public Information Officer, Captain B. K. Lee, will present information about fire department procedures, and on fire safety, urging use of smoke detectors and other ways to protect ourselves and our homes.

The Commander of the Second District, Peter Newsham, will make his first visit to the Foggy Bottom Association since his appointment earlier this year. With Cmdr. Newsham will be Detective Lt. Joseph Trippi and Detective Sgts. Robert Panizari and John Rucker. Trippi, Panizari and Rucker were previously assigned to PSA 207 or 208. They and PSA 208's Lt. Philip Lanciano were heavily involved in the tragic incident at the National Zoo some weeks ago, and will discuss, to the extent they are allowed to, that crime and the jailed suspect. A discussion will also be held on "how detectives detect," outlining the various responsibilities of the detective squad within the Second District.

## If You Are Moving Out:

Here is some information you can use. The D.C. Department of Public Works has streamlined its pickup of bulk trash items, and the number to call is 727-4600 for a designated date for collection of large items such as furniture and mattresses. The regular trash collection will pick up no more than five items per household each trash pickup day, and they cannot accommodate large items.

Good planning will help prevent a massive pile of materials being left out in view of the entire neighborhood. Also, the second trash day, Friday, is often a better day for leaving out a lot of waste material, as the trucks have more room than on Tuesday.

## FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

All Residents Welcome

**Capt. B. K. Lee**  
**Cmdr. Peter Newsham**  
**Lt. Joseph Trippi**  
**Sgt. Robert Panizari**  
**Sgt. John Rucker**

**Monday, May 22, 2000**  
**Wyndham Bristol Hotel**  
**2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.**  
**7:30 p.m.**

(Next month's meeting: June 26)





## Letters

### Letters, Lots of Letters!!

March 24

Who is Susan Wallace and why are you printing allegations by her in which she attributes sentiments to me that I myself have never held?

For example, in the April issue of the Foggy Bottom News, you have her saying that I "have made no secret of the fact that if I could, I would bulldoze Foggy Bottom over." In fact, she says I would do it "in a heartbeat." Not only have I never uttered these words, I have never even thought them.

Where does Ms. Wallace come off to designate herself my spokesperson, and why don't you call and verify such a provocative attribution before you publish it on page 1 of your paper?

*Stephen Joel Trachtenberg  
President, The George  
Washington University*

April 13

I am just back after a week out of the country on university business and someone—concerned that my mood was too benign—showed me your letter in the April 5 Washington Times. [See below]

How is it that when you sit down at your keyboard it never occurs to you to mention the fact that GW is the largest private employer in the District of Columbia and that

the second largest employer is Georgetown? GW Hospital, which is counted... separately from GW, is itself the 22nd largest employer in the District.

If you are such an expert on the impact that the University is having on the city, tell me why in your calculations you never factor in the jobs that the city gains from the University's presence. Indeed, if you were to take away the not-for-profit institutions from the top 15 city employers in the city ranked by size of work force, there would not be much left. Who would want to live in a city without universities and hospitals? What would become of all the people employed at these institutions? Think of the GW budget and the economic multiplier it creates.

If you're going to talk about the economy of the District of Columbia, do so candidly. Honestly point to the strengths as well as being a critic. Whenever we meet you seem a truthful and reliable person. But the minute we're apart you start picking unfairly on GW. And you don't do so with the candor that we expect from University people and their neighbors.

It is perhaps also useful to point out that the percentage of GW and GW Hospital employees who reside in the District and who, therefore, pay taxes to the District, is higher than the percentage of District civil servants who reside in the District.

I would urge you once again that there is a virtue in emphasizing the positive—or at least looking for it—and

seeing if there aren't ways that we can work together for Foggy Bottom and the city we share. Or, of course, you can simply go on being negative if that gives you pleasure.

*Stephen Joel Trachtenberg*

Response: This editor has never claimed to be an expert since, as the old joke goes, in order to be an "expert" you need to be "from out of town." (I am not from out of town; I was born in Georgetown Hospital.) But one doesn't need to be an expert to agree GW is a big employer; we know that is true and we suspect that is partly why GW has and exercises such political clout. And we certainly do not want the university or hospital to disappear. But you don't need to be an expert in its total impact on the city to see its impact on Foggy Bottom: buildings razed or changing from tax-paying to tax-exempt, occupied by students instead of working adults.

One has to ask the question: wouldn't GW still be a large employer, still supply jobs to the city, still make the contributions it claims to and does make, with several thousand fewer students, students for whom it does not have adequate facilities?

And as far as negativity, does the following letter engender positivity? The reader can be the judge.

April 24

I figured it out. I read the May 2000 issue and concluded that 60 percent of your articles are focused on GW. Is

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this healthy? Perhaps you should find something else to write about. You need to develop other interests—broaden your horizons, get a hobby.

*Stephen Joel Trachtenberg*

Ed. note: No comment!

### Campus Boundaries A Farce

Many Foggy Bottom residents share my disgust about the ever-increasing encroachment of GWU on the Foggy Bottom residential community. I understand that student enrollment is quite short of the authorized ceiling, yet the university cannot accommodate

student housing needs within its Campus Plan boundaries. As GWU continues its "matter-of-right" use (i.e., purchase) of property outside the campus to house students (conversion of Howard Johnson Hotel to a dorm, significant purchase of don't-call-it-a-dorm Columbia Plaza . . . ), the Campus Plan boundaries have become a farce.

In reality, the GWU "campus" has already expanded significantly beyond the Campus Plan boundaries, sapping the Foggy Bottom residential neighborhood. And as the university continues to grow uncontrollably (yes, "uncontrollably" because no one

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seems to be able to stop it), the adverse impact of traffic and parking demands further damages the neighborhood. And it goes on and on. . . . Enough is enough! In a recent neighborhood discussion, someone said "the best students for Foggy Bottom are those enrolled elsewhere." GWU students have Trachtenberg to thank for that sentiment!

Milton O. Maeda  
1 Street

### Property-hungry nonprofits, colleges

Jonetta Rose Barras hit the nail on the head with her questions about nonprofit organizations and universities continuing "to take valuable property off the tax rolls" ("No-control board," Op-Ed, March 31).

Many communities in Washington know how true this is, especially Foggy Bottom, where George Washington University has taken over properties in the area, such as the Howard Johnson and part (for now) of Columbia Plaza. The university's appetite for enrollment growth and academic sprawl is insatiable.

It seems that not only is the D.C. financial control board ignoring this threat, but no one in the mayor's office or the D.C. Council is taking notice or action to stem this tide.

This has been a sought-after residential neighborhood. It is in danger of becoming a

dormitory neighborhood no longer sought after.

Eleanor M. Becker

The Washington Times  
April 5, 2000

### Francis Pool Opens June 3

The Francis Pool, operated by the D. C. Department of Recreation and Parks, will be open the weekends of June 3-4, 11-12 and 17-18. Weekday availability begins on Monday, June 19, and the pool will remain open until September 4.

The hours are from 1:00-8:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; on Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 noon-7:00 p.m. The pool is closed on Tuesday for cleaning and routine maintenance. This pool which was rebuilt just a few years ago is located at 25th and N Streets, N.W.

According to the Department's public affairs office, the Francis Pool has 400-500 users per day in high season. The cost is \$1.00 per visit for youth and seniors and \$3.00 for adults. A pass for 10 swims is available to youth and seniors for \$8.00, and \$24.00 for adults. Youth and senior season passes cost \$33.00 and for adults is \$99.00.

The Department has also established a community comment phone line for its aquatic services, 673-7647. The phone number for the pool facility itself, once it is open, is 673-3285.

### FBNews Needs Helping Hands

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The News is distributed throughout the Foggy Bottom/West End neighborhood nine times a year (none in July, August and December) using a two-step process. The News is delivered to St. Mary's Court, usually on a Thursday afternoon. The first task involves labeling and tying packets of papers for the various buildings and for the fine group of residents who deliver to individual houses, other buildings and area retailers. This part takes about two hours if done by one person; most of it is performed sitting down.

The second stage is taking the packets to their destinations along a well-organized route; this again takes about two to three hours if the duties are split between a driver and a helper.

In the past the labeling/bundling is done on Thursday afternoon, with the paper delivery route done Thursday evening or Friday morning, or split between the two. The schedule can be altered, as long as it is finished by noon Saturday to allow for the FB Newspersons to distribute to their routes on Saturday or at least by Sunday morning.

So what is needed are a person or persons to take charge of either both of these chores. Please help, and keep the Foggy Bottom News a going enterprise.

#### Editorial

And—we welcome writers on any subjects of interest to the neighborhood, especially any who would like to take on editorial or makeup duties. It's a fun paper, always in need of fresh talent. The number is 337-5528; give us a call!

## Neighborhood Datebook

**Monday, May 22:** Foggy Bottom Association meeting, Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, May 26:** Friday Noon Concert Series, featuring Nathan Chaitkin and Marie-France Lefebvre. Mr. Chaitkin, a cellist with the U. S. Marine Orchestra, was formerly with the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra and the principal cellist with the Tanglewood Festival Orchestra and the Virginia Chamber Orchestra. Ms. Lefebvre is a staff pianist with the Washington Opera and has also served as staff pianist at the Aspen Music Festival and vocal coach at the Santa Fe Opera. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. For info call 331-7282, ext. 15. 12:00 noon.

**Friday, June 2:** Concert by classical guitarist Berta Rojas, whose repertoire includes Antonio Lauro, Juan Manuel Acevedo, Agustín Barrios, Charlie Byrd and Leo Brouwer. Presented by the Arts Society of the IMF. IMF Auditorium, 700 19th Street, N.W. (photo ID required). 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, June 3:** Community Flea Market, sponsored by the Palisades Georgetown Lions Club, to benefit Lions Club's charities, especially eye research. First Union Bank parking lot, MacArthur Boulevard & Arizona Avenue, N.W., 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 7:** Citizens Advisory Council, Metropolitan Police Second District, 3320 Idaho Avenue, N.W. (near Wisconsin & Newark Street). 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 21:** Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A. Call 736-1775 for location. 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, June 26:** Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring Washington historian Col. Marcus Ring and the annual FBA Executive Board election. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 27:** Referendum vote to approve School Board consisting of part elected and part appointed members. (See article elsewhere in this issue.)

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## IMF Disrupts United Church's Services

By Laetitia Combrinck

Security measures, barricades, and police guards mobilized during the demonstrations during the World Bank and IMF meetings in April

English and German members were rescheduled as a combined service on Saturday, April 15, at the Eldbrook United Methodist Church on Wisconsin Avenue.

As part of this service, a German couple who had planned a wedding at the originally German United Church while visiting the bride's son in



completely enclosed—and isolated—the United Church at 20th & G Streets. The German minister, Pastor Radeloff, and his wife, were allowed to stay in the parsonage adjoining the church but the Palm Sunday services could not be held there. Instead, services for both the

the area, exchanged marriage vows. The groom also played in a brass band from the YMCA in Ferndorf/Nordrhein in Germany, which provided some of the music during the service. As part of its Easter tour, this band performed music for Holy Week in a concert at the church at noon on April 19.

## Guy Mason Center Holds Summer Classes

The Guy Mason Recreation Center on Wisconsin Avenue is offering a number of classes during the summer, starting the week of June 12. The center is in upper Georgetown at Wisconsin & Calvert Street, on the Friendship Heights bus line.

Registration began May 13 for sessions such as

Dancersize, Yoga, Qi Gong, Jackie's Aerobic Workout and Strong Step, and Self Defense/Karate. The mind and its creative juices need not sleep during the summer. To that end there are classes in Spanish, China Painting, Art, Copper Enabling, and Pottery. And as always there is bridge, the Retirees Club and chess.

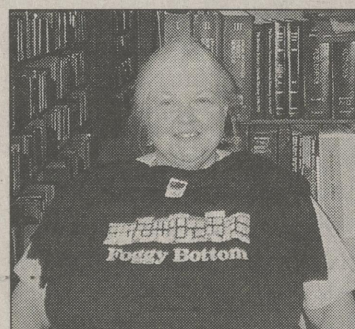
For further information visit the Center or contact Vincent Cain/Caryl King at 282-2180.

## West End Is Back!

After what seems to many to be too lengthy a closure, the West End Library has reopened. The building underwent inspection and removal of asbestos, part of a system-wide rehabilitation. The convenience of the library is another one of those things you take for granted until it's not there.

The hours for the branch: each day the library opens at 10:00 a.m.; on Monday and Wednesday it closes at 9:00 p.m.; on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday it closes at 5:30 p.m. The hours do not change in the summer as in the past.

When a resident commented that she was glad to have the library back, Head Librarian Barbara Kubinski



replied that no one was happier to be back than she and her staff. They had had various roving assignments during the interim.

The library's phone number is 724-8707; there are now four on-line computers for the use of the public; two are for adults, two are for children. There is a one-hour limit; a sign-up sheet is available to reserve time. The library also allows a limited number of printouts from the computers.

## Mendelson Introduces Jury Trial Bill

By Jim McLeod

The FBNews could not let Law Day 2000—May 1—pass without an appropriate story for its readers. In June 1999, the Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC-2A) passed a resolution calling for the restoration of the statutory right to a jury trial for most misdemeanors. On March 7, 2000, Councilmembers Phil Mendelson, Sandy Allen and Kevin Chavous introduced Bill 13-634, the Misdemeanor Jury Trial Act of 2000. The bill is a response to the 1996 Supreme Court decision, *Lewis v. United States*, which made clear that if you are charged with multiple "petty" offenses in the same proceeding, you still are not entitled to a jury, even if you face an aggregate amount of jail time greater than six months. A recent letter to the editor in the Post gives an example of to what extremes the Lewis case has taken us: a defendant in D. C. is facing more than 3000 years in jail, but has no right to a jury. Bill 13-634 does not restore the right to a jury for most misdemeanors, but it does provide a statutory right to a jury when the total possible penalty is more than 180 days in jail—one of the concerns expressed by the ANC.

In response to a question



Jim McLeod and Councilmember-at-Large Phil Mendelson

at the April FBA meeting, Councilmember David Catania recommended that citizens who want the Judiciary Committee to hold a hearing on the bill should call members of that committee. The committee chair is Harold Brazil (724-8174); other members are Vincent Orange (724-8028), Sharon Ambrose (724-8072); and the bill's cosponsor, Kevin P. Chavous (724-8068). Ward 2's Jack Evans (724-8058), also on the committee, stated through a staff member that he understands "that the ANC and the Ward 2 Dems have expressed support of this legislation and I will keep this in mind when the issue comes before the Judiciary Committee for consideration."

Unless a hearing is held soon, it is unlikely there will be enough time for the bill to become law this session.

Criminal defense attorneys, such as this writer, have written articles on this issue but it is up to the citizenry as to whether their representatives will change the law. Our ANC has spoken on the issue. If you haven't spoken yourself, I hope you remain free to do so.

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## Profile: Creadell Haley

By Marifran D. Langvardt

The greater the difficulty the more glory in surmounting it. Skillful pilots gain their reputation from storms and tempests.—Epictetus



One might ask what the above quote has to do with Creadell Haley, a modest and retired resident of Foggy Bottom. Born in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, on July 4, 1916, Creadell had a goal soon after she finished high school, stemming from a class in auto mechanics she attended. Fascinated by the subject, she decided to take a post-graduate course after her family moved to Quincy, Illinois, but found that as a young woman it would not be easy to be accepted as an apprentice in her chosen field. It was not surprising that there was an "up-roar" when she applied. The school consisted of boys who worked together in pairs as

they trained. Creadell was a petite, black girl. It wasn't long before her real passion surfaced. She wanted to be a pilot and she wanted to know more about engines and machines. She wanted to fly!

Creadell learned that there was a private airfield five miles outside of Quincy where one could receive lessons. Before applying she went to the library and found a book titled "How to Fly," and devoured every word. As the first female applicant, Creadell asked if she might take flying lessons. The owner must have sensed her determination because she was "graciously" accepted. Illinois was a mecca for civilian aviation in the late thirties and it was easier for her to arrange for flying lessons than it had been to become a mechanic.

The cost was \$11 an hour. Saving her money, she could afford only one lesson each week. Though she wanted to "go up" every day, she stayed within her budget and loved every minute spent in the air. Much to her surprise, her instructor described Creadell to the owner of the airport as the "best of all their students." As the only female, that was quite a compliment. In 1941 she was ready to solo for her pilot's license. Unfortunately World War II intervened and all

civilian pilot licenses were halted when the army took over the airport. Creadell's instructor said, "If you can't beat them, join them."

On September 4, 1942 Creadell joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), which later was renamed the Women's Army Corps (WAC). Sent to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, the training was intense and though she wasn't able to fly, as a member of the Motor Corps her abilities as a mechanic were honed even finer. It was not a pleasant time; the weather was cold and rainy. There was no hot water and no heat in the living quarters and classrooms. Even though the ground was wet and muddy, they were required to drill several times each day. Many of the recruits thought they had made a "horrible" mistake.

However, when they went into the city of Des Moines for six weeks of intensive training in one of three professions, they lived in fine hotels that were actually heated. Before leaving the Fort, they had to make a choice of the specialized training they preferred. The final decision was made by a Selective Board; the choices offered were Administration, Baking & Cooking, or Motor Corps. After serving at Fort Huachuca, Arizona and Fort

Lewis, Washington, she was sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia for basic training after having accepted a call to go overseas. She sailed with more than 800 women on the French line Ile de France and served in Birmingham, England and Rouen, France as part of the 6888 Postal Battalion. During her service in France, she represented the Postal Battalion in the ETO Tennis Tournament and earned a furlough on the French Riviera in Nice.

Having accumulated enough points, she was discharged and using the G. I. Bill applied for admittance to Wilberforce University. She also returned to the airport, now in civilian hands, and quickly received her private pilot's license. She dropped out of school but ended up enrolled in the Los Angeles Conservatory of Music and later continued her music education at San Jose State University. After being introduced to the Baha'i faith, she worked for that faith in Venezuela until she decided to settle in Washington. She moved to Foggy Bottom in 1999 where she feels very much "at home," spending her days serving the Baha'i faith, visiting with old friends, making new friends, or working on her computer in her St. Mary's Court apartment.

## Virginia Mulroy

Virginia Mulroy, 62, longtime resident of Foggy Bottom, died on May 1 at Columbia Hospital for Women, where she had been a patient for a short time. Ginny lived at 925 25th Street, and had been employed by the law firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering for about 13 years. A native of Pennsylvania, she earlier worked in the travel industry. She is survived by her sister, Helen M. Durbin, Wheaton, Maryland, and her brother Edward who lives in Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania, nieces, nephews and other family members.

## SWW Students Win Science Prizes

Sabina Snell, a student at the School Without Walls, won a grand prize at the District's 54th annual Mathematics, Science and Technology Fair. The prizes' sponsor, DaimlerChrysler, provided cash awards and trips to Detroit to compete in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

Another SWW student, Janice Springer, won a first prize in the senior division; Clarence Cross III also won a senior division prize.

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## FB Conservancy Sets Projects

The Foggy Bottom Historic District Conservancy has set projects for the coming year. Plans call for development of letters of affirmation to be sent to individuals in the Historic District who have improved their property and to work with owners of property which are in need of assistance. In addition, a committee will be formed to do periodic cleanup work in the small parks and tree spaces.

At the Conservancy meeting in early May, Tom Bower was elected President, Doug Abbey Vice President, Barbara Barski-Carrow Treasurer, and Norene Vogt Secretary.

For information about the Conservancy, contact Tom Bower at 337-0810 or Jackie Lemire or Paul O'Leary at 337-2167. The main criteria for membership are an interest in historic preservation in general, the Foggy Bottom neighborhood in particular, and willingness to work on related projects.

## Resident Battles Against Antennae

Columbia Plaza resident Marija Hughes is continuing to voice her concerns about the erection of microwave antennae at various locations around the city. The latest proposal is to erect 76 transmitting and receiving antennae on a building at 811 Vermont Avenue, N.W., and Ms. Hughes testified at the May 4 meeting of the National Capital Planning Commission. The NCPC's hearing was to approve building plans for the Lafayette Building operated by the General Services Administration; (the NCPC governs such matters for Federal property).

According to Ms. Hughes, "microwaves cause adverse health effects, including . . . disruption of DNA, cataracts, . . . central nervous system injuries, and cancer. . . ." Her testimony stated that several Members of Congress have asked for Government Accounting Office and Occupational Safety and Health Administration studies of existing scientific research on the effects of cumulative radio frequency exposure, especially on Federal employees, residents and visitors to the city.

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**Nori Uchida, Ann Mikulik and Jennie Lazowski.** Jennie also hastens each month to get copies mailed out to city officials and FBA members who live outside the delivery area.

The counting, bundling and dropping off portion had the help during the year of **Rita Champagne, Catherine Braun, and Mike Hackshaw.** And please forgive a faltering memory if you helped and were not mentioned. Mea culpa, mea culpa!

SPECIAL KUDOS TO ALL THOSE WHO ADVERTISED IN THE NEWS DURING THE YEAR, ALLOWING THE PAPER TO CONTINUE TO BE SOLVENT AND INFORMATIVE! We have some truly great businesses who support us—please support them as well.

## FBA Sends Kudos to GW Students

During the past year there have been a number of occasions when GW students have benefitted this community. One occasion, of course, is the annual student cleanup of the neighborhood, when an "army" of students sallies forth on a Saturday morning supplied with gloves and trash bags to tidy and clean our area.

Students are especially helpful to the residents of St. Mary's Court, appearing with regularity on Saturday morning to grocery shop for residents unable to get to the store. And one of the Court's highlights this year was a Senior Prom party sponsored by Sigma Kappa sorority and Kappa Sigma fraternity. The students provided lavish decorations and refreshments, crowned a prom king and queen, and entertained the residents with their "youthful company," according to The GW Hatchet. The evening also including dancing, but the residents mostly enjoyed the conversations.

The students are involved in a large number of volunteer activities, including helping the Hands on D. C. project at Francis School on N Street. Groups of students are involved in efforts in other parts of the city as well.

Helpful to the Foggy Bottom community this year was the resolution passed by



the Student Senate concerning the GW Campus Plan. The student's governing body supported the plan but placed three conditions on its endorsement. They asked that enrollment be raised only when GW increased its housing, classroom and recreational facilities, and recommended improved communications with nearby neighbors, citing problems with GWU's purchase of the Howard Johnson and an interest in Columbia Plaza. They also suggested that acquisitions outside the campus boundaries be discussed by a joint GWU, student and community committee, and that

guidelines for such acquisitions be established and published. The resolution, while "endorsing" the plan, laid out clearly its problems from the viewpoint of the students.

Special thanks are due to Jeff Marootian, Student Association Vice President for Community Affairs, who attended FBA and ANC meetings frequently. We are also grateful to The GW Hatchet's coverage which helped us understand what was important to the students. Matt Berger's fantastic article, "Buy, Buy, Buy," about the university's real estate acquisitions, was an eye opener.

## School Board Referendum Set for June 27

A referendum vote will be taken on Tuesday, June 27, to approve or not approve a school board made up partly of elected members and partly of members appointed by the Mayor. The summer vote is needed to enable candidates to be identified and then have adequate time to campaign for election in the fall.

The new Board would consist of four elected members, each representing two election wards, plus one member at large to serve as Board president. Four additional members would be appointed by the Mayor. The proposed amendment also stipulates that the Board makeup formed by this referendum would end in four years, and thereafter local law would dictate Board membership.

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## The Cranes of Foggy Bottom

Pictured are three tall cranes (not the whooping variety) which are dotting the Foggy Bottom skyline this spring. The Ritz Carlton project in the block bordered by L, M, 22nd and 23rd Streets is just below; the second is at the 26th & Pennsylvania location of a condominium and retail building being built by Lawrence Brandt. To the right is the Egyptian Defense Ministry office and residential building just across the street at 26th & L Streets.

On the campus there are a number of other projects at which appear similar cranes, such as the Media Center, the Health & Wellness Center, and the hospital. On E Street can be seen the Red Cross building and the excavation of the former AGC building.

Foggy Bottom/West End seemingly is a mass of noise, construction and truck traffic from dusk to dawn.



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PCCC staff members also work as consultants to clergy and business organizations and periodically conduct seminars and weekend workshops. They also make special presentations and guest lectures in educational settings to reach out to the broader community.

The PCCC is a non-profit counseling organization and offers a sliding fee scale to make psychological services more affordable. The United Church is one of the seven counseling sites in the Washington area operated by PCCC. The 24-hours-a-day phone is 234-0202; a staff therapist will return calls promptly.



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## Residents Voice Campus Plan Concerns to BZA

A number of residents have filed letters and comments with the Board of Zoning Adjustment relative to the GWU Campus Plan. Some interesting points were made:

"I decline to support GWU expansion. The university has consistently overlooked the needs of this unique and historic residential community. With respect to construction of the new hospital, the university steamrolled over residents' objections about an unseemly loading dock facing the neighborhood.

"GWU has no interest in Foggy Bottom other than its own. Therefore, I have no interest in supporting any campus plan that permits university growth until the institution is able to house and park its students within the current boundaries."—Michael D. Anderson

"As a 15-year resident of Foggy Bottom I have seen GWU change from a positive island in the community to an ever-expanding destabilizing force. I strongly oppose GWU Campus Plan Appl. 16553. I would also oppose any plan which allows an increase in enrollment, extends the campus boundaries, or permits the university to buy any more real estate outside of those boundaries."—Donald Ramsey

"A Campus Plan is an exercise in futility for all concerned when they can as a 'matter of right' do anything outside the boundaries. . . . They get what they want either way, rendering the Campus Plan a farce. The plan therefore is not modest in scope at all. It endangers the existence of Foggy Bottom as a residential community as we know it now."—Donald Kreuzer

"I do not oppose the existence of the University; I do oppose its reckless disregard of the neighborhood. . . . We ask that SOMEONE in the city step forth for the residents. Disapprove the Campus Plan application until written agreement is secured that approval of the plan is contingent upon the University's acquiring not one more inch of private property in Foggy Bottom."—Linda Frees

"This solicitation [by Ron Lecker and Don Tobey] is yet

another example of the methods used by the University to gain acceptance in a neighborhood it has continually abused by violating its own commitment to be a good neighbor. There is no confidence in Foggy Bottom that any campus plan will be adhered to or will even be openly discussed. The continued silence on the University's use of the existing hospital structure is an indication of how they share with the community."—Linda Winger

## News from 2D

In the April issue we listed the personnel assigned to PSA 207, the area of Foggy Bottom/West End west of 22nd Street. To the east is PSA 208, under the leadership of Lt. Philip Lanciano. He is assisted by Sgt. John Mitchell, Sgt. Jeff Tolliver, and Master Patrol Officer Christopher Hicks. The other officers are:

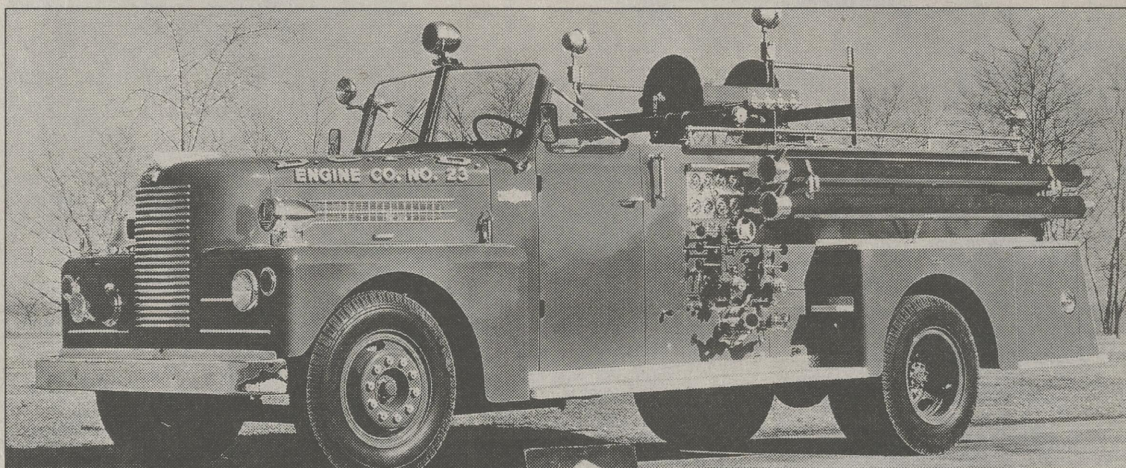
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## It's A Paramedic Unit at 23

Last month we reported that an ambulance had been added to the fire station in the 2100 block of G Street. In fact the addition is a Paramedic Unit which provides *advanced* life support services to the sick and injured. It does not act as a transport vehicle; the paramedics call for an ambulance if transport is needed. All firefighters in the District have



Shown near their new Paramedic 23 Unit are Paramedics William McHugh and Teresa Shanklin.



Captain Al Dutton commands this fire station; it is his second assignment at the Foggy Bottom location. Hanging in a place of honor on the wall of the lounge area of the station is this photo of an engine which was in use in his earlier tour.

now been trained as emergency medical technicians who provide *basic* life support. They are trained to provide wound care, stabilize broken bones, use a defibrillator, and on happier occasions deliver babies.

The advanced life support provided by the paramedics differs from basic support in that paramedics are trained to insert IVs and provide

medications according to established protocols. They can also dispense other medications in consultation by phone or radio with physicians.

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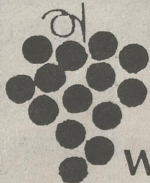
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